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41. (New) A method of inhibiting or reducing hair loss, said method comprising the step of:
- a) applying to the scalp of a mammal in need of treatment, a safe and effective amount of the composition of Claim 4.

REMARKS

Application Amendments

By the amendments presented, new Claims 39-41 are added to cover preferred method embodiments of the invention. Support for these new claims can be found in Applicants' Specification at Page 5, lines 7-9 and Page 50, line 30 bridging Page 51, line 26.

Upon entry of the amendments presented, Claims 1-41 remain in the application. An additional claims fee of \$54.00 for three additional dependent claims is due as a result of these amendments adding three dependent claims. This additional claims fee is charged to the Assignee's Deposit Account via the attached cover sheet.

Invention Synopsis

The present invention, as now claimed, relates to topical compositions for the treatment of microbial infections on the skin or scalp which include a polyvalent metal salt of pyrithione and include a metal ion source. The present invention also relates to methods of treating microbial infections of the skin or scalp using such compositions. The present invention further relates to methods of regulating or stimulating hair growth or inhibiting or reducing hair loss using such compositions.

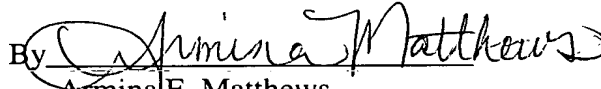
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Conclusion

Applicants have made an earnest effort to place their claims in proper form. WHEREFORE, consideration of this application, entry of the preliminary amendments presented, and allowance of Claims 1 to 41 are respectfully requested.

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